



Responding to School Emergencies Online Training

Course Completion Time: 1.5 hours

Course Summary Description:

When the time comes to respond to an emergency, your emergency management capabilities are put to the test. Not only will you find out how well prepared you are, you will also see how well you are able to execute the Response actions you have planned and practiced. In this course, we address the range of issues and tasks involved in actually responding to an emergency. Through case study scenarios, you will be given an opportunity to practice your decision making skills in choosing a course of action at various points during an emergency event. The first scenario presented is a school shooting incident and the second scenario involves a dangerous gas leak. While these are very different types of emergencies, you will see that there are many common threads to the challenges faced by school officials in responding effectively.

Course Learning Objectives:

The learning objectives in this course are to:

- ✓ Know what the key elements are in the Response phase of emergency management
- ✓ Understand how the Incident Command System plays an important role in responding to many types of emergencies
- ✓ Understand factors and issues associated with three major Response strategies - evacuation, lockdown, and shelter-in-place
- ✓ Understand the types of emergency Response decisions that need to be made regarding communications with external parties, including parents or guardians and the media
- ✓ Know what is involved in accounting for students and staff at an emergency scene and in reuniting students with their parents or guardians
- ✓ Understand what is needed to document the emergency incident and hold an after-action debriefing session.

Course Specialist: If you have any questions while completing this online course, please contact Mark Freeman, Online Training Manager, at mark@emt.org.